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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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### **REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 8, 2006 reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested. (This reply is being filed along with a petition for a two-month extension of time on October 10, 2006, the first business day following the Sunday, October 8, 2006 date—October 9, 2006 being a federal holiday—that is five calendar months from the mailing date of the Office action, and is therefore timely filed.)

### **AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 19 of this paper, and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 24 of this paper.